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# S. RES. 524

Condemning the unauthorized disclosure and publication of classified information about the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program, the National Security Agency's Terrorist Surveillance Program, and other vital counter-terrorism programs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2006

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Condemning the unauthorized disclosure and publication of classified information about the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program, the National Security Agency's Terrorist Surveillance Program, and other vital counter-terrorism programs.

Whereas on June 22, 2006, news organizations publicly disclosed the existence of an ongoing, highly classified national security program to track terrorists' financial transactions, known formally as the "Terrorist Finance Tracking Program";

Whereas the President condemned the unauthorized leak and subsequent publication in the strongest possible terms, calling those acts "disgraceful" and explaining that pub-

lic disclosure of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program “does great harm to the United States of America”;

Whereas the Secretary of the Treasury noted that this unauthorized leak of classified information and subsequent publication “undermined a highly successful counter-terrorism program and alerted terrorists to the methods and sources used to track their money trails”;

Whereas similar to the leaks and public disclosure of the National Security Agency’s Terrorist Surveillance Program, the disclosure of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program puts America’s terrorist enemies on notice of tactics used to hunt them down and makes defending against further terrorist attacks more difficult;

Whereas Administration officials and the co-chairmen of the 9/11 Commission (a Democrat and a Republican) urged news organizations to refrain from publicly disclosing the existence of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program because of the probable harm to America’s national security;

Whereas there have been no credible allegations of abuse or infringements on civil liberties in the execution of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program;

Whereas the 9/11 Commission in its Final Report concluded that “information about terrorist money helps us to understand their networks, search them, and disrupt their operations”;

Whereas the 9/11 Commission had given the Administration high marks in its pursuit of terrorist-finance networks, and recommended that “vigorous efforts to track terrorist financing must remain front and center in U.S. counter-terrorism efforts”; and

Whereas the United States must remain vigilant in its War on Terror: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That—

2           (1) the Senate joins the President in con-  
3       demning the damaging leaks and subsequent publi-  
4       cation of vital national security information about  
5       the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program and the  
6       National Security Agency's Terrorist Surveillance  
7       Program; and

8           (2) it is the sense of the Senate that the De-  
9       partment of Justice should vigorously and tirelessly  
10      investigate and prosecute any and all persons re-  
11      sponsible for the unauthorized disclosure to news or-  
12      ganizations of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Pro-  
13      gram, the National Security Agency's Terrorist Sur-  
14      veillance Program, and other vital counter-terrorism  
15      programs.

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